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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of each non-U.S. patent document so listed is attached.

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 4,974,169
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 5,179,596
- (3) U.S. Patent No. 5,263,122
- (4) U.S. Patent No. 5,664,065
- (5) U.S. Patent No. 5,704,016
- (6) U.S. Patent No. 6,088,490
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- (8) JP 55-124879
- (9) JP 2679730
- (10) JP 6-83994
- (11) JP 2624143
- (12) JP 7-262157
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Document (9) was cited in the specification at page 1. Documents (10) and (16) are believed to belong to the same patent family, respectively, as JP 6-93249 and JP 5-47870, which were also cited in the specification at page 1. Documents (11) to (15) and (18) to (20) were cited in the specification at page 2. Document (8) is believed to belong to the same patent family as JP 60-000712, which is also cited in the specification at page 2. Documents (4) and (21) were cited in the specification at page 3. Document (22) was cited in the specification at page 20. Document (23) was cited in the specification at page 22, and document (24) was cited in the specification at page 25.

Documents (1) to (3), (5), (7) and (17) were cited in the International Search Report and/or Written Opinion which issued in the corresponding international application. A copy of the International Search Report and a copy of the Written Opinion are enclosed.

Document (6) is believed to correspond to document (15).

In addition, abstracts have been located and are included for each of the non-English language documents.

Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action on the merits, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

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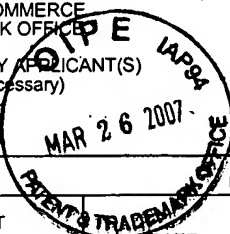
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